Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead

October 25th, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Large Print Bulletin



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
ALL: Amen.

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,
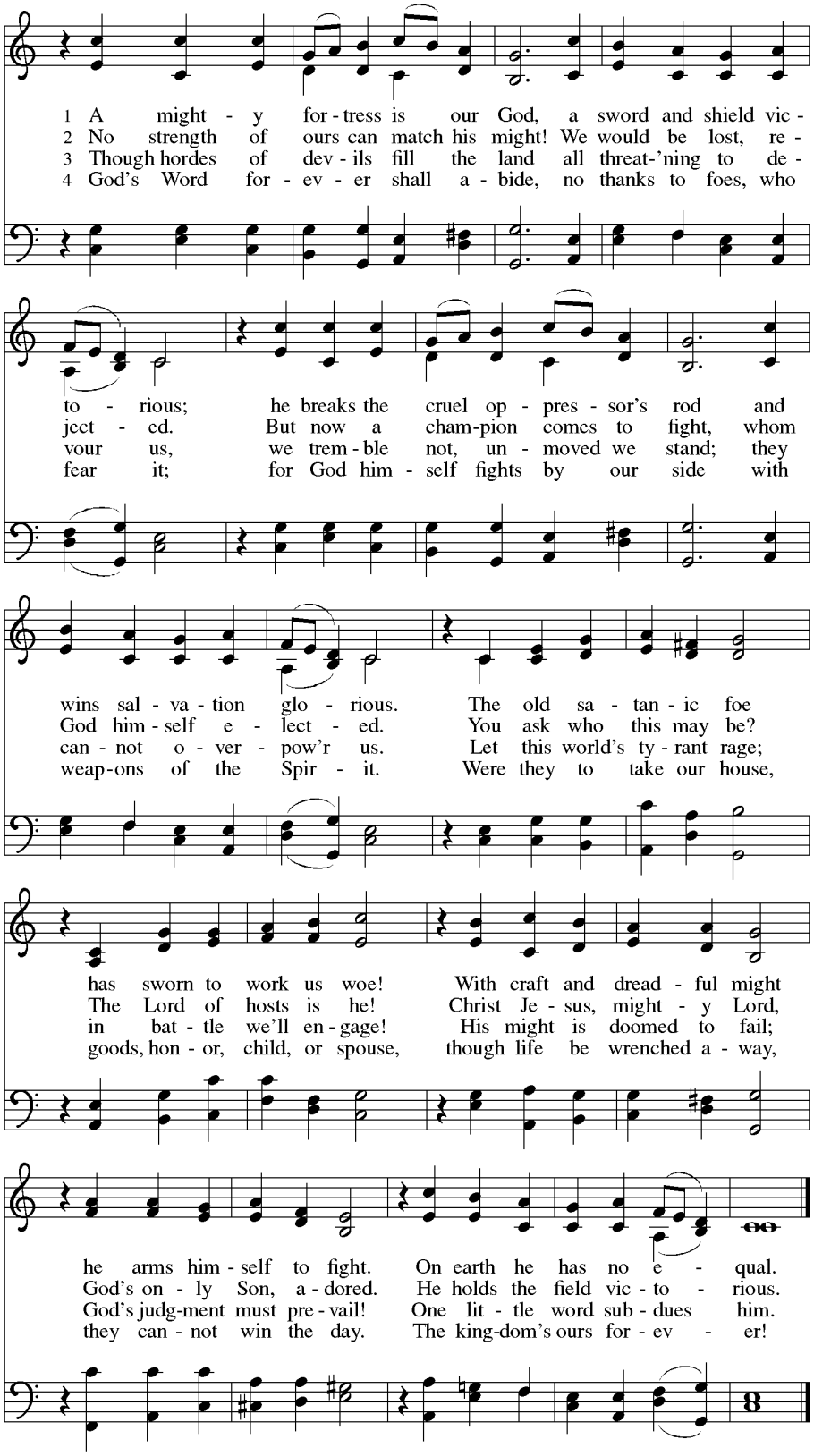
ALL: We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Green Book: 229

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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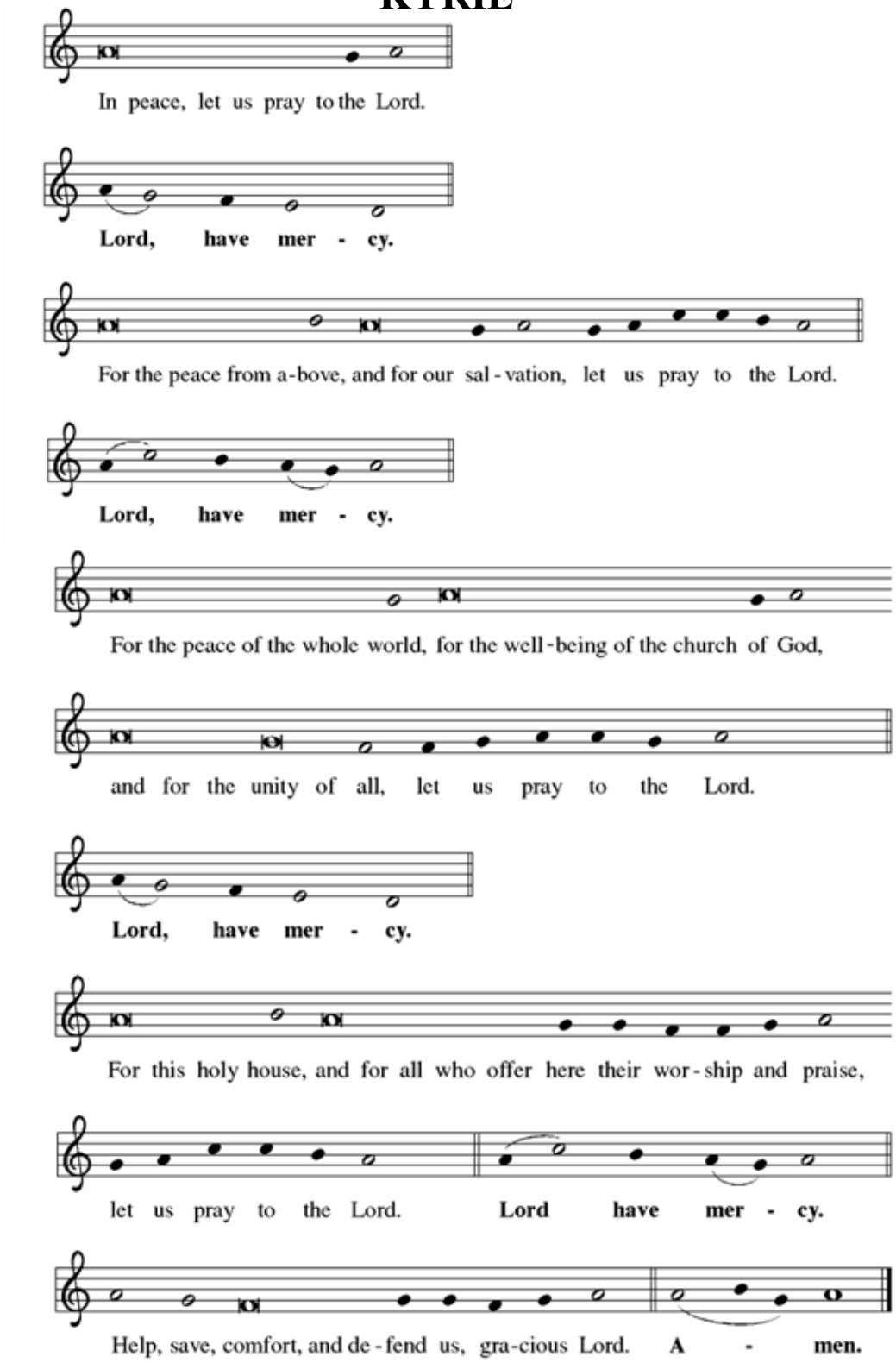
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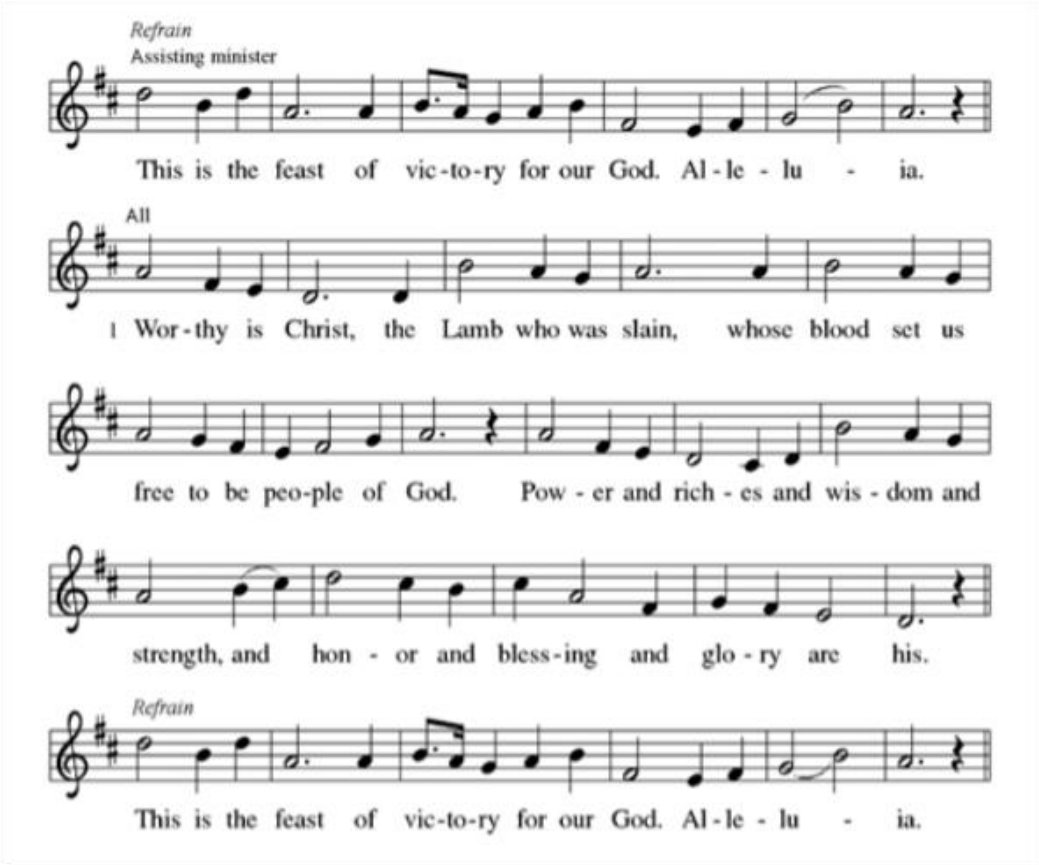
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
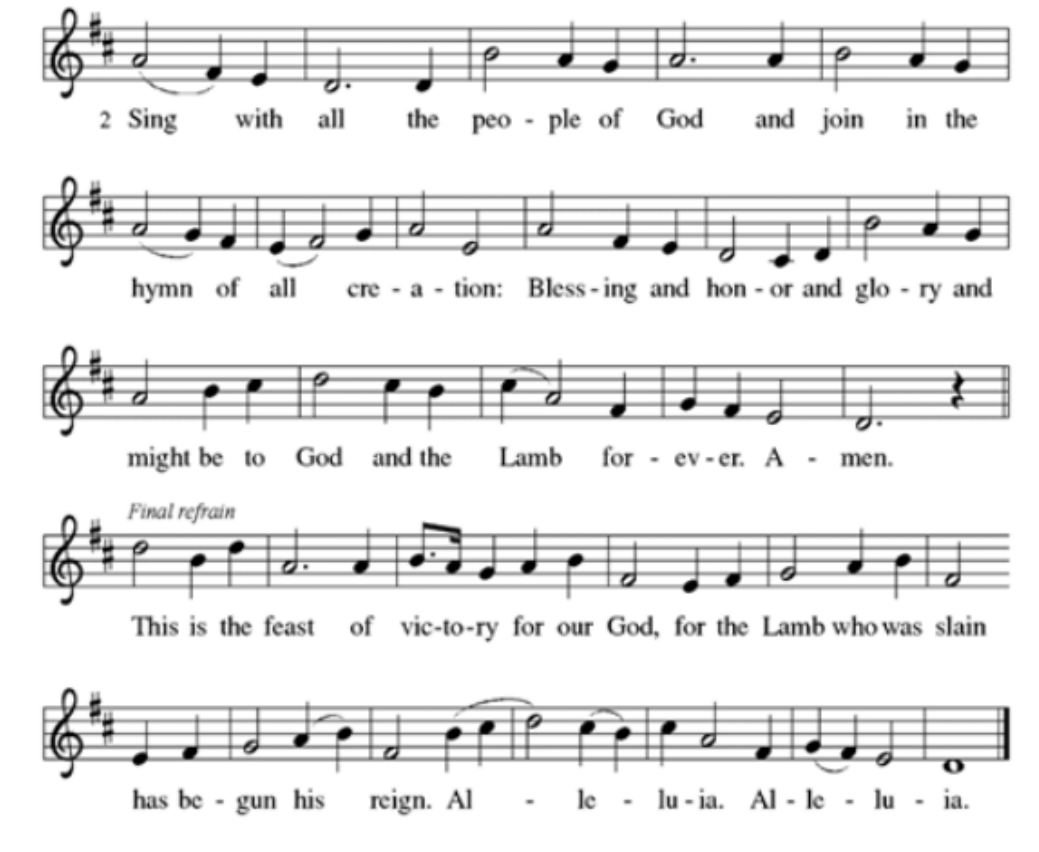
ALL: And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be
like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will
put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one
another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their
iniquity and remember their sin no more.
L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 46

L: 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
ALL: 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and
though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
L: 3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.
ALL: 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the

holy habitation of the Most High.
L: [5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
ALL: [6] The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
L: [7] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
ALL: [8] Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
L: [9] behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
ALL: [10] "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
L: [11] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

L: [19] Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

[21] But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, [22] the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24] they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
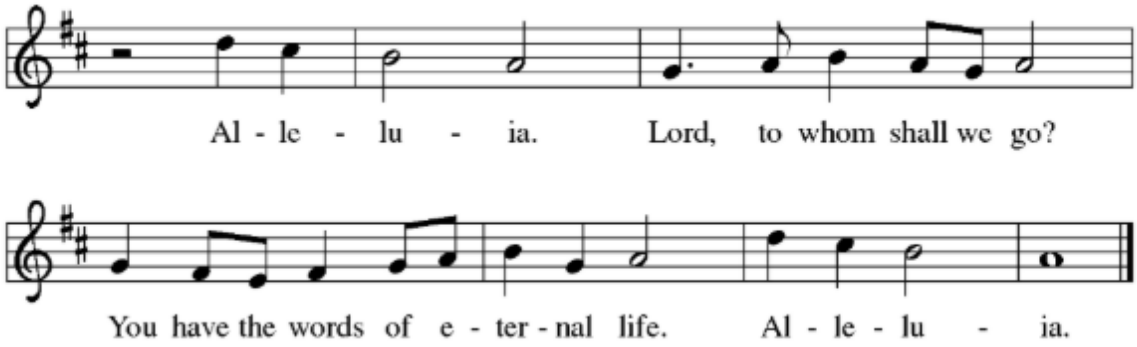
[27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind

of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.
ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: [31] Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33] They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

[34] Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."
L: The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.
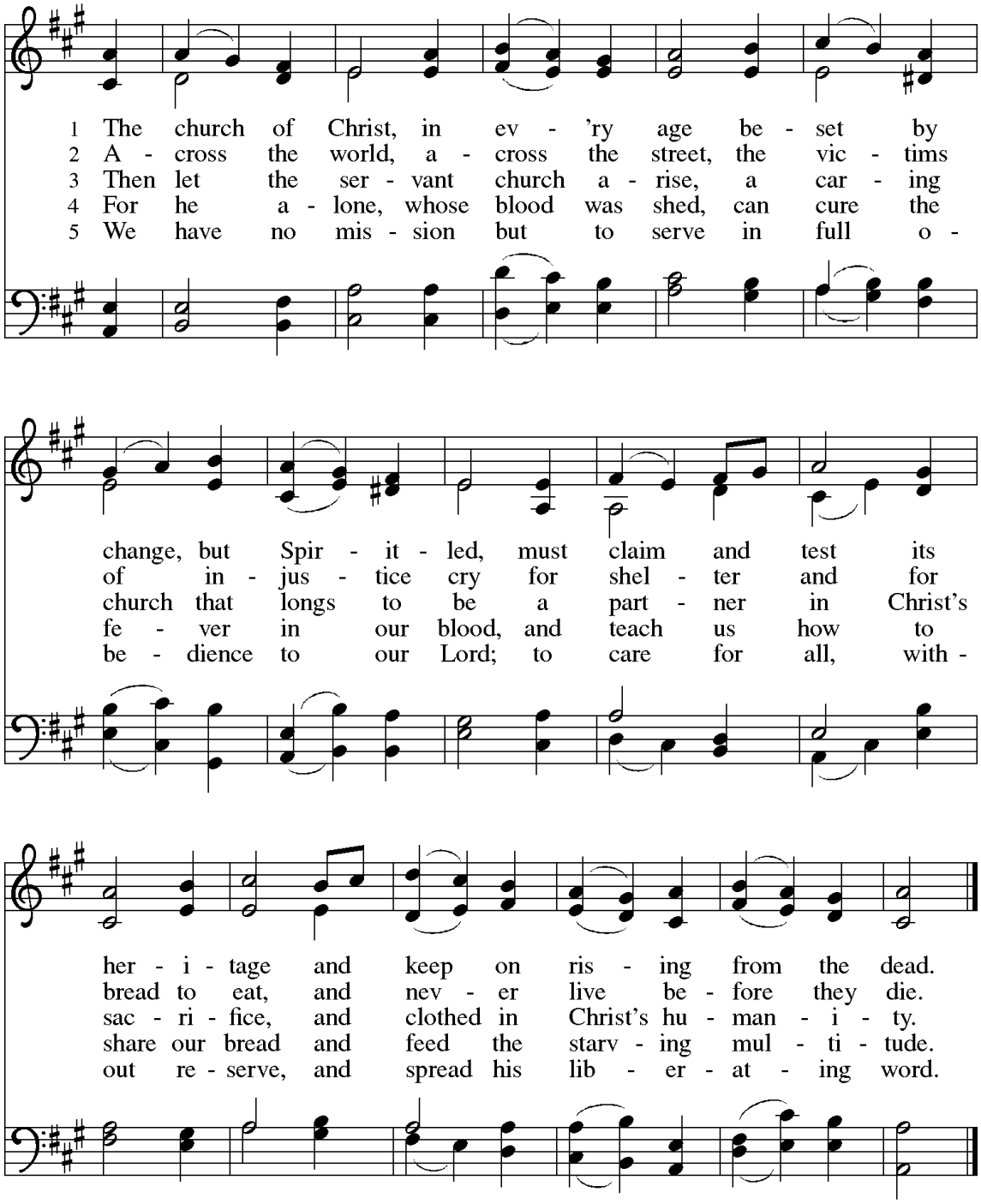
Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

HYMN OF THE DAY: Green Book: 433

Please stand as you are able

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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APOSTLES CREED

L: We are God's people.
Joining together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

L: As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. And we pray for our NOEL cluster siblings of First English, Lockport; St. John's, Lyndonville; St. Peter, Medina; Trinity, Wolcottsville; and Zion, Gasport. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (*especially…*). Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: And we share now our deepest needs that only you know in this time of silent prayer…

A moment for silent prayer.

L: Hear us, O God.
ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

SCAN ME

OFFERING

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.
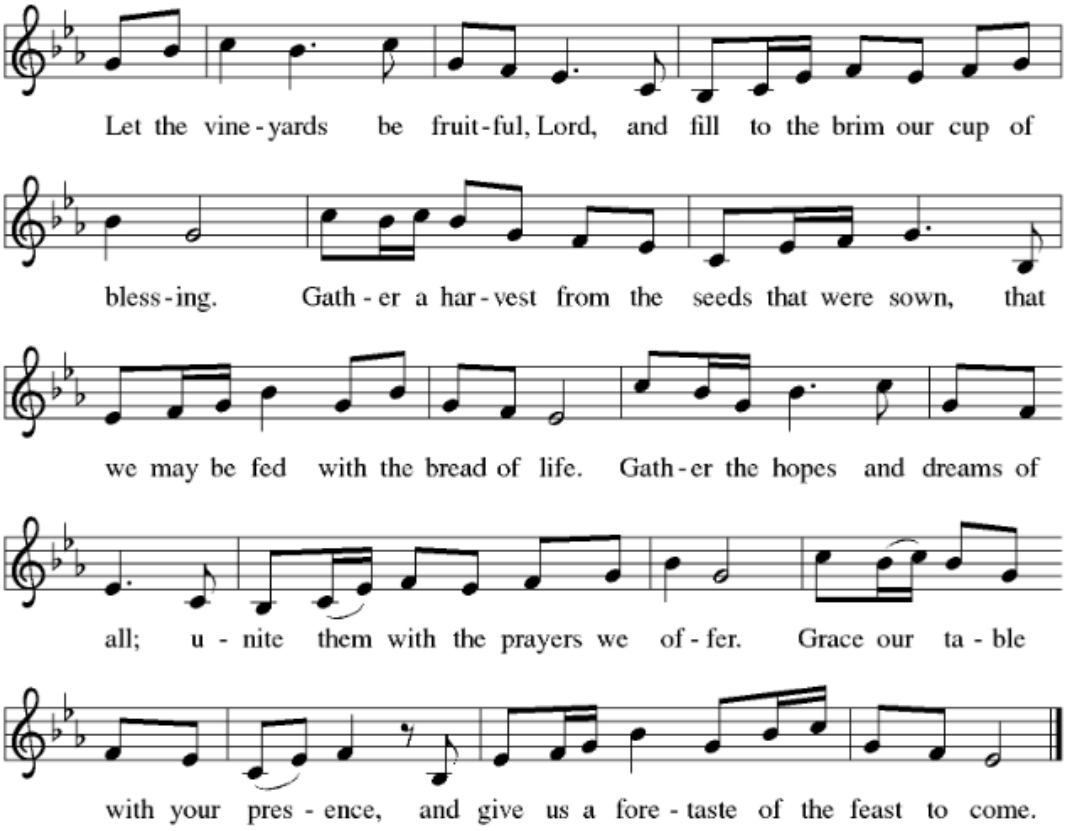
CHOIR ANTHEM: Founded on Faith

With musical accompaniment by Julie Conschafter

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OFFERTORY

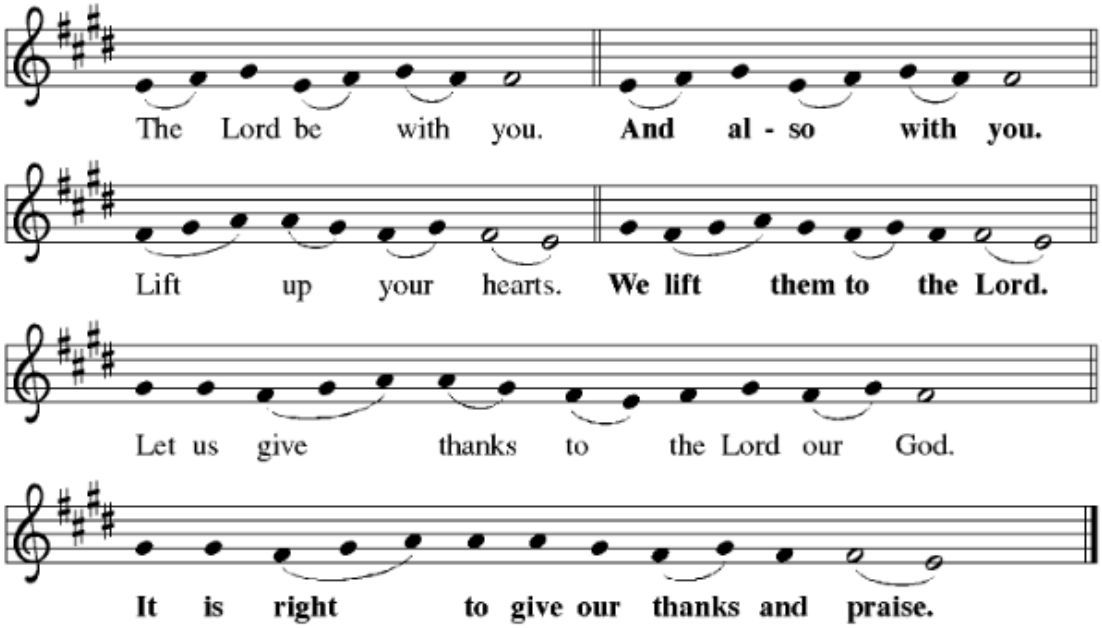


OFFERTORY PRAYER

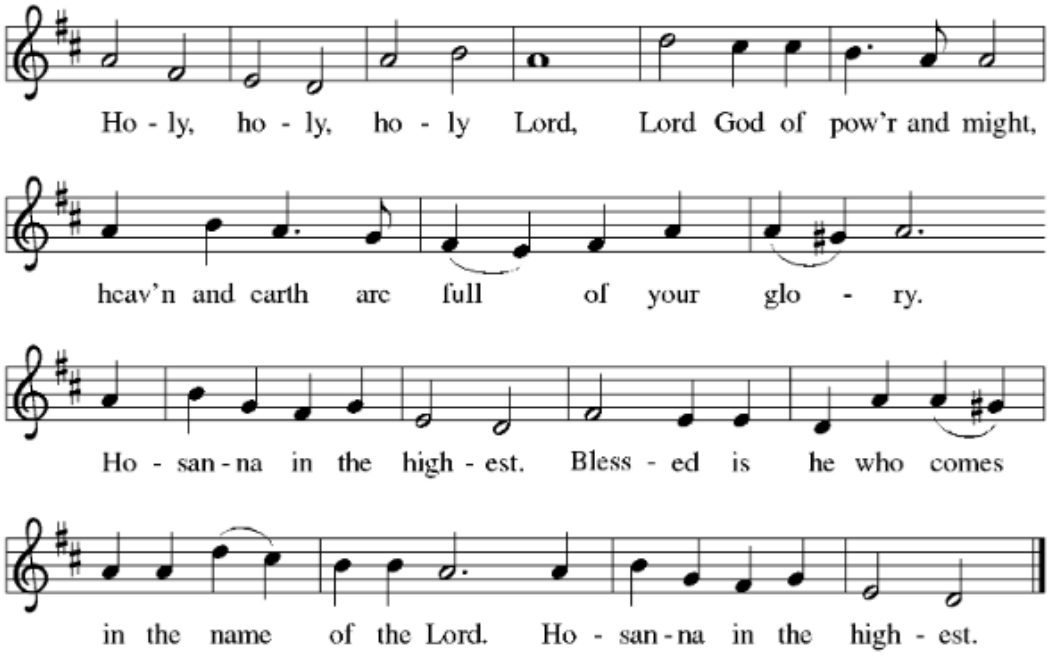
L: Let us pray together, God of creation,

ALL: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

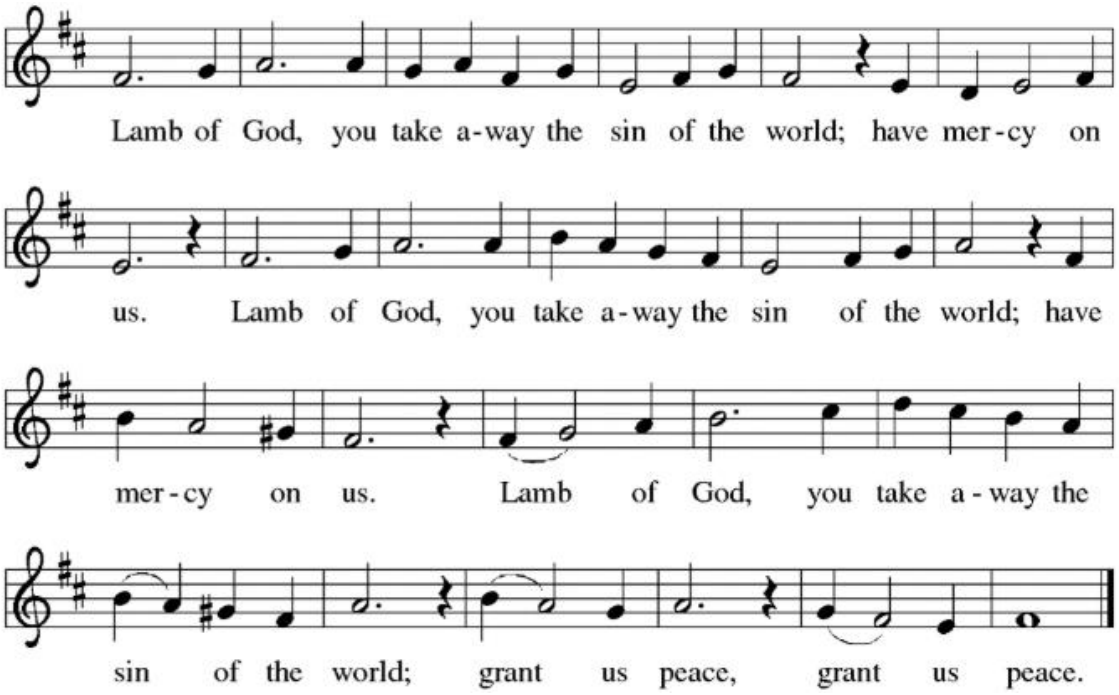
L: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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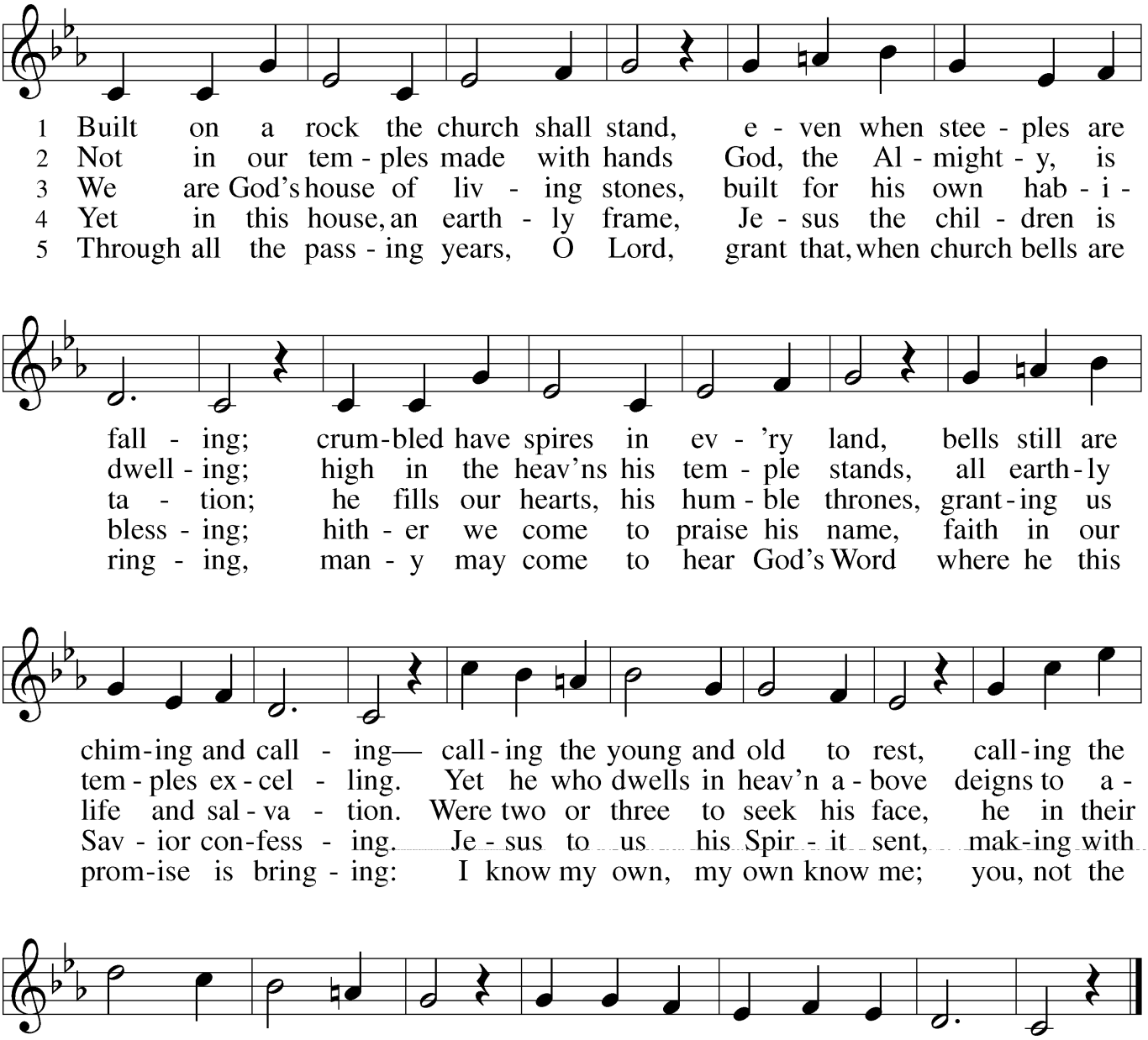
COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God



COMMUNION HYMN: Built on a Rock
Green Book: 365

To be sung during the distribution of communion

Built on a Rock



Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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COMMUNION HYMN: *by request as needed*

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together, Sustaining God,
ALL: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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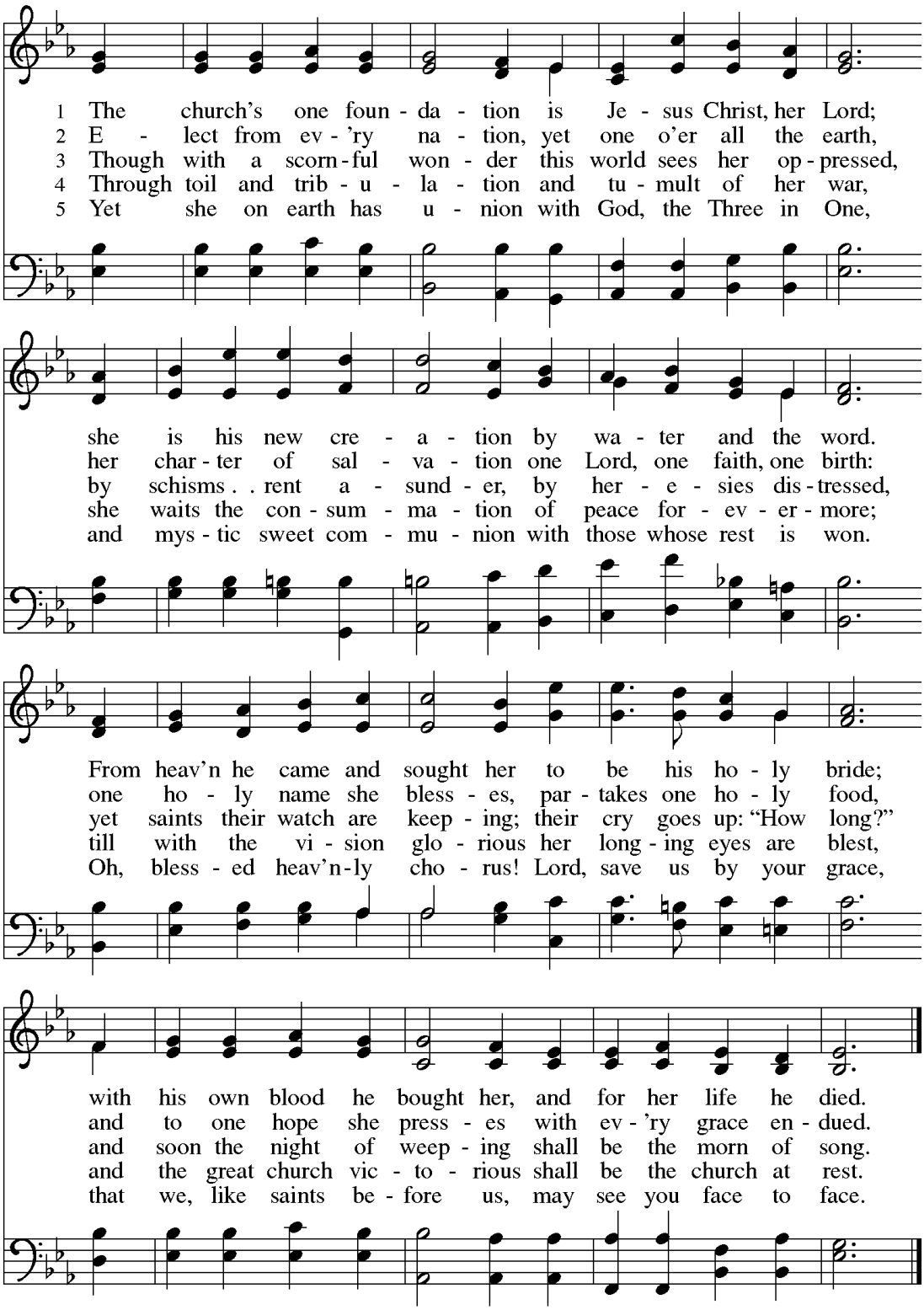
L: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
ALL: Amen.

L: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

L: The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation
Green Book: 369

The Church's One Foundation



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. You can call or email in a prayer at any time. 716-542-9828. Or text Tracy directly at 716-579-3612.

Now you can also go on the website and email in a prayer through there, too, whenever you'd like!
trinitysouthnewstead@gmail.com

If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call phone system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095. Prayers are printed on Tuesdays and will be verbally announced in church if submitted after that.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Mia Bella Ryan
Rebecca Kropelin Sciolino
Sue Larson
Ward Bruning
Lois Wolfe
Larry Long, Sr.
John Tschactle
Sean Ferrari
Jen Carlsen
Sharon (Linda Lawrie's sister) and her husband, Mike
Jordan Ertel & family
Joanne Taylor (Flo's Daughter)
Jane Firestone (Dawn's friend)
Jeff Wosley (Dawn's friend)

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Roger Johnson (father of Marie Bell, a food pantry volunteer)

Safe travels for Alan and Denise Kumpf to Tennessee!

This Week:

Sunday School 10:45-11:45am

Sunday Worship is at 9:30am
Bible Study: See list below
Pastor Rick's office hours:
Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Pastor will be away October 26 & 27th
The office will be open on Thursday 10/29 instead of Tuesday 10/27.

Tracy's office hours:
Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote.
Call, text or email any time.

Food Pantry:

Setup Monday November 2nd @ 8am
Distribution Tuesday November 3rd @ 8:30am
Thanksgiving setup: November 16th @ 8am
Thanksgiving distribution: November 17th @ 8:30am

Council:

November 10th @ 7pm

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.
Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

10/29- Trinity Wolcottsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron 14001
11/5 - Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067
11/12 - St. John's - 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville, 14098
11/19 – Here at Trinity!
11/26 – off for Thanksgiving
12/3 - St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina 14103

Sunday School

Sunday school is underway most Sundays. Grab a schedule off of the table in the narthex. There's also one for the evening confirmation classes. This year we're asking you to sign your child(ren) in and out.
There's always ways to support our Sunday School. We provide a small snack and drink at the end if you'd like to donate. If you'd like to assist, please see any of the Sunday School teachers.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is coming up on November 1st. Pastor Jerilyn Brown will be joining us for worship. You are invited to bring in a photo of your loved one and display it on the table up front that morning. Flames for the windows are available in the narthex.

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars!
All-day set-up Wednesday, Nov. 11;
the Sale itself is Fri. Nov. 13th from 5-7 pm
and Sat. Nov. 14th from 9-11 am.
Bringing in items? Please put items in the adult library first and then the children's library.

Please do not bring items that are too heavy like large furniture, and be sure items are not too dirty.

Drop off items during the week on Tuesdays
from 9:30-2pm.
Flyers to post in the community are in the narthex.

Meat Raffle: Are you interested?

On Saturday, November 21st there will be a meat raffle
to benefit LCLC.
It will be at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall
(45 S. Ellicott Creek, Buffalo.)

Doors open at 6pm, first spin is at 7pm.
We are wondering if there is interest to get a table for 10? One table is $130 = $13 per person.
Please add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex if you'd like to go.
This is an 18+ event.
Wondering what a meat raffle is? Have other questions? See Pastor Rick!

Congregational Meeting: Nov 22 following worship

Please plan to stay after worship on 11/22 for a congregational meeting to discuss replacement of the hot water tank.

LCLC Winter Retreats

Join us at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) for a winter weekend of fun! Each weekend will be jam-packed with games, activities, food, and exploring our faith.
9th-12th grade: January 8th @ 6:00 pm - January 10th @ 11:30 am
4th-8th grade: January 15th @ 6:00 pm - January 17th @ 11:30 am
The cost: $150 per camper; this includes Saturday breakfast-Sunday breakfast and all lodging and activities. Campers will be staying in the Retreat Center. More info and registration is at https://www.lclcenter.org/winterretreats.